

January 12, 2022

Hello Parents and Guardians,

I hope everyone had a refreshing, healthy, and safe holiday AND Happy New Year!

Student and staff safety continues to be the district's top priority. The Rahway Health Officials (RHO) feel that the case numbers in Rahway have stabilized enough to allow the district to reopen. So after consultation with the RHO, the Rahway School District will reopen on Tuesday Jan. 18, 2022. Please recall that the Governor has declared that **only full in person teaching can happen this year**. All students and staff are expected to return to the buildings on Tuesday. Building-specific details will be coming from the principals over the next few days as the principals and other administrators prepare for the reopening of our schools.

The Governor has continued the mandate that regardless of vaccination status, **all school district staff and students, as well as visitors, must wear masks when in the school buildings**. I strongly encourage that everyone eligible still get vaccinated as the data has shown all COVID vaccines to be effective in reducing illness and hospitalization, and preventing death from COVID. The City of Rahway is still offering vaccination clinics for adults (on Thursdays) and children (on Tuesdays).

Please continue to be vigilant with following mitigation strategies in place to keep us all healthy:

- please keep your child home when sick,
- encourage your child to wear a mask in public,
- practice social distancing, and
- wash your hands regularly.

Always please inform your child's school nurse if anyone in the family is being tested for COVID or is sick with COVID. To support our reopening next week, please contact your child's school nurse before next week if anyone in your family is sick with COVID or tested positive after January 8, 2022.

Unfortunately, throughout this pandemic please remember that the instructional method (in-person or virtual) can change rapidly based on the local health statistics. Thank you all for working with the school district so that we can provide a healthy, safe education for our children.

Dr. Trisha Camp